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B-G Denies 'Putsch' Proposal Ever Made

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Prime Minister on Wednesday denied a report that, before the elections to the Third Knesset, it had been proposed to him that he should seize power in the State. He was replying in the Knesset to a question by Mr. Israel Rokach (General Zionist).

After two motions for the Agenda on the same subject, proposed by Mr. M. Begin (Herut) and Dr. M. Sneh (Communist) were later defeated, Mr. Begin said his party would demand a vote of non-confidence in the Government next week.

Mr. Rokach asked whether the report was true which had appeared in "Ma'ariv" on January 2, to the effect that Mr. Ben-Gurion had told the Mapai Central Committee of the alleged coup d'etat suggestion and that he had rejected it.

The Prime Minister replied: "I find it difficult to suspect 'Ma'ariv' of deliberately inventing this information, but whoever gave or sold it to the paper gave it false information. I did not say these things at the Central Committee of the party; no one proposed to me that I seize power in the State; and of course I did not say that I had rejected this proposal, because no such proposal had been addressed to me.

"On this occasion I must put an end, once and for all, to the ugly gossip that is current in certain quarters in this country following the false report in 'Ma'ariv,' to the effect that the 'proposers' — who never existed — included two of the most brilliant Chiefs of Staff that the Israel Defence Forces had up to a year ago.

'Army Is Loyal'

"This is a loathsome slander. There is no one more loyal to democracy in Israel than the officers of the Israel Defence Forces, both junior and senior, and above all the Chiefs of Staff who have held office ever since the establishment of the Israel Defence Forces."

Mr. Ben-Gurion's denial was not accepted either by Mr. Aryeh Ben-Eliezer (Herut) or Dr. Moshe Sneh (Communist), both of whom followed with motions for the agenda on the same subject.

Proposing the establishment of a parliamentary commission of inquiry to make a study into the whole question, Mr. Ben-Eliezer characterized the Prime Minister's statement as "nothing more than an official denial." The report had appeared not only in "Ma'ariv" but also in *The Jerusalem Post.*

What was involved here was the fact that a group close to the Prime Minister had proposed that he stage a putsch, and even more serious was the attempt to cover up for this group, Mr. Ben-Eliezer declared.

Dr. Sneh charged that the information that appeared in "Ma'ariv" had also been reported — albeit only in a single sentence — in the Bulletin of the Mapai Central Committee. The Bulletin had quoted Mr. Ben-Gurion as follows: 'Seizure of power is not the way (although there have been such as proposed that to me).' There certainly was a contradiction between that statement and the Prime Minister's denial.

'Scare Attempt'

In his reply to the two motions, Mr. Ben-Gurion charged that the proposers of the motions did not even take their own remarks seriously. They were simply trying to frighten the people into thinking that we were faced with the danger of dictatorship. "I do not think there is really any great or immediate danger of dictatorship in Israel, but neither would I say that such danger is entirely absent."

Herut's defence of democracy was only a mask for its own dictatorial ambitions, the Prime Minister asserted. Although history need not repeat itself, the story of the refusal of the Irgun Zva'i Leumi to disband after the establishment of the State and of the Israel Defence Forces were enough to make Herut's democratic pretensions suspect.

Mr. Ben-Gurion then reviewed at length the activity of the Irgun in 1948, the negotiations for its dissolution, and the Altalena episode, quoting from his own reports to the Provisional Council on Herut's violations of its undertakings.

During most of Mr. Ben-Gurion's speech, heckling from the Herut benches was only sporadic, with various members interrupting from time to time to ask: "What about the putsch?"

But when Mr. Ben-Gurion

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Rains Came down at long last on a parched land on Wednesday, to the relief of even city dwellers. Here are two Jerusalemites sloshing their unaccustomed way through a rain-drenched street. Photo by Braun

Rain Benefits North, But Cannot Save Negev Crops

Jerusalem Post Staff

Rain worth millions of pounds fell throughout the country north of Beersheba on Wednesday, but in many areas of the south and the Negev came too late to save some crops that had already withered in the bone-dry month since their sprouting.

The rain's main beneficial effects will be felt in the central region and in the north, where the crops were still making a valiant stand and where the heaviest rains fell on Wednesday. By evening, 31 mm. had been recorded in Lydda, 20 mm. in Jerusalem, 15 mm. in Safad, 16 mm. in Haifa, 10 mm. in Tel Aviv and 5 mm. in Beersheba. The southern Negev remained dry.

Farmers were unanimous in their opinion, however, that much more rain was needed to achieve even middling yields from the fields that had been saved "at the eleventh hour." Many estimated that at least another 50 mm. were needed within a short time to guarantee a fair harvest.

Low Yields

In any case, it is expected that even the North will produce sub-standard crops this year, as the effective growing season has been shortened by at least a month in most areas. It is estimated that grain crops whose yield was expected to be 230,000 tons will be down by 20 per cent, and hay crops will be the hardest hit of all.

The major trouble spots in the north remain Lower Galilee and the Jordan Valley, where only four mm. fell, not improving the situation there at all.

Ministry of Agriculture officials and irrigation experts also expressed the hope that the rains, if followed by more, would raise the water table and thus allay fears of a water shortage during next summer's irrigation. It had been feared that many wells would start drying up by next August or September if the subterranean water supply was not augmented by additional rainfall.

Not Too Assuring

The weatherman at Lydda was not too reassuring on that point, however, and regretfully forecast that the present rain would not continue much longer than Thursday, predicting sunny weather for the week-end. He said that the dark clouds that brought the lifegiving rains had come from Turkey but were fast moving towards the east. He perdicted intermittent rain by predicted intermittent rain by day with isolated showers.

The rains also toppled temperatures, with Jerusalem and Mt. Canaan reporting a maximum of seven degrees and maximums of 16 degrees in Haifa and Tel Aviv.

In Jerusalem, the Fire Brigade was called out to empty three flooded cellars. Several cases of electric power stoppages were reported. In the middle of the day, power was cut off from part of Kiryat Shmuel, in order to effect repairs. In the German Colony power company linesmen worked at night in the wet and cold to complete repairs.

Kibbutz Woman Found Strangled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — A 29-year-old woman member of kibbutz Givat Brenner was found strangled to death in an abandoned hut of the settlement on Wednesday.

The woman was Avigayil Solomon, 29, married and the mother of two children, aged eight and five. On Tuesday evening, she went to put her two children to bed and told her husband, who was on duty in the dining hall, that she would come and take the evening meal with him. When she failed to show up, the husband went back to their room and fell asleep. Awakening on Wednesday morning and finding his wife was not there, he went searching through the settlement.

At noon, her disappearance was reported to Rehovot police. Constables found her in a shack which is no longer inhabited and which is at some distance from her room. She was lying on her back with marks of strangulation on her neck. There were no other marks of violence, police state.

She was still wearing her watch, ring and brooch. Rains had washed away any tracks outside the hut. The body was taken to the Forensic Institute. Police had no theories about the mysterious murder. Mrs. Solomon came from India and had settled with her family at the kibbutz in 1954.

Finis Being Written To Steinberg Case Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARDESS HANNA. — The remains of Aharon Steinberg, the five-year-old child whose non-burial in a Jewish cemetery aroused a national furor a year ago, will finally be laid to rest within the confines of the Municipal cemetery here today at noon (Thursday).

The religious authorities had refused the child burial in the Jewish part of the cemetery because his mother is not Jewish. The parents, who came here from Poland, are residents of Hadera.

U.K. Quarters Hail New Eilat Pipeline

LONDON (INA). — British financial circles on Wednesday expressed satisfaction about the building of a 16-inch Eilat-Beersheba oil pipeline, which they said might prove to be a practical alternative to the Suez Canal.

British oil companies are not expected to take any active steps in furthering the pipeline construction, but they emphasized this might partially help the West to escape from Arab blackmail.

ESHKOL IN U.S.

NEW YORK (INA). — The Israel Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, arrived at Idlewild airport on Wednesday by El Al for a special three-day meeting of 450 leaders of the Israel Bond Drive in the U.S. and Canada which begins on Friday.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The French Government has decided to recognize the new Cuban Government, usually well-informed sources said in Paris Wednesday night.

League Wants Pipelines All in Arab Hands

A sub-committee of the Arab League Economic Council on Wednesday recommended that oil pipelines in Arab countries should in future be owned by an Arab company, a League spokesman said in Cairo. The Council had convened earlier this week.

The groups urged that the Trans-Arabian Pipeline (Tapline) concession to the American company, which runs a pipeline from Saudi Arabia through Jordan, Syria, and the Lebanon, to the Mediterranean, should not be renewed. It also recommended that the Arab states set up an Arab oil tanker fleet.

The sub-committee has also discussed measures to prevent Arab oil reaching Israel.

The League's Boycott Office has also circulated all member states warning that Israel-Indian commercial relations are increasing steadily, and that India has promised to recognize Israel in return for technical aid, according to the Old City daily, "A-Difa."

The Minister for Social Welfare, Abdul Ghani Kanut, announced that the U.A.R. has invited Arab officials in Arab "host countries" and Arab delegates to UNRWA's Advisory Council, to attend a special meeting in Cairo this month to debate ways and means of unifying refugee relief programmes.

(Cairo R., ANA, Reuter)

Nasser Invited To Visit Italy

Abdul Nasser has accepted an invitation from the Italian Premier, Mr. Amintore Fanfani, to visit Italy, Cairo radio reported on Wednesday. No date has yet been fixed for the trip.

Mr. Fanfani, who arrived in Cairo on Tuesday for a four-day visit, had his second meeting with Nasser on Wednesday night, when they conferred for two and-a-half hours, the radio added.

Nasser Said Pressing Dag on MAC Issue

CAIRO (UPI). — Abdul Nasser met with the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, on Wednesday amid reports the U.A.R. was pressing the U.N. to demand the return of Israel to the Mixed Armistice Commission. Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi attended the meeting.

Informed sources said the U.A.R. wants Israel observance of M.A.C. operations following alleged air incidents over Gaza.

Israel has not participated in M.A.C. operations since before the Sinai hostilities.

The Cairo daily "Al Ahram" said that when Fawzi met with Mr. Hammarskjold on Tuesday, he told the Secretary-General of "recent acts of Israel aggression" in addition to referring to Israel's boycott of the M.A.C.

East Germany, UAR Establish Consular Ties

CAIRO (UPI). — The East German Premier, Mr. Otto Grotewohl, announced on Wednesday that East Germany and the United Arab Republic have agreed to the establishment of consulates-general in a new step "strengthening cooperation between our two countries."

The East German Premier made the announcement in a statement on his talks with Gamal Abdul Nasser before flying to Damascus. Mr. Grotewohl and his entourage arrived in Damascus Wednesday afternoon.

The establishment of consulates-general, however, did not mean that the UAR was granting recognition to the East German regime, although well-informed sources here saw the agreement as the principal result of the Grotewohl-Nasser talks.

Grotewohl's statement said the two statesmen discussed "a lot of important problems" in the course of their two meetings. He said the talks "confirmed our complete agreement concerning international problems."

The West German Government declined immediate comment, and officials said they were awaiting official confirmation from Cairo.

A West German delegation is due to visit Cairo soon for talks on German aid in financing building of the Aswan Dam.

Western observers in Bonn noted that the Bonn Government has repeatedly threatened to break off diplomatic relations with any country that recognises the East German regime.

West Germany severed diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia after that country extended recognition to East Germany.

The only nation recognizing both German Governments is the Soviet Union.

Bonn officials pointed out that the exchange of consulates-general between the U.A.R. and East Germany strengthened their relations, which previously had been limited to trade missions. At the same time, they noted that diplomatic relations do not necessarily mean consular relations.

Cairo Less Confident

The Egyptian press, which on Tuesday had reported "imminent agreement" in talks here being conducted by the World Bank President, Mr. Eugene Black on behalf of Britain, and Egyptain officials, struck a note of caution on Wednesday.

"Al Akhbar" quoted informed sources as saying that it was "premature" to forecast the results of the negotiations.

QUEMOYS HIT BY 12,000 SHELLS

TAIPEH (Reuter). — Communist Chinese artillery on Wednesday shelled the Quemoy offshore islands. The Nationalist Defence Ministry said the Communists pounded the Quemoys with an estimated 12,000 shells between 3 and 4 p.m., and that sporadic shelling was still continuing.

A Chinese Communist spokesman, said in a broadcast from Peking that the bombardment was punishment for Nationalist shelling last weekend, in which 48 civilians, including 28 children, were claimed to have been killed.

Soviet Rocket in Solar Orbit

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet space rocket on Wednesday started on its orbit round the sun, the Soviet news agency, TASS, reported.

The rocket covered 14 and a half million kms. (about nine million miles) in cosmic space since its launching, and was almost one million kms. (about 620,000 miles) from the earth. The distance between the earth and the artificial planet will grow because they are travelling away from each other.

The artificial planet will be much nearer to Mars than the earth because of its velocity at the launching, which was well over the cosmic velocity.

Next Wednesday, the planet will reach its perihelion (the nearest point to the sun). It will then be 146 million kms. (about 91 million miles) from the sun and will travel with its maximum speed of 32 kms. (20 miles) per second. On its way towards its aphelion (the farthest point from the sun) the planet's speed will decrease to 28 kms. (17 miles) per second.

TASS said the choice of the moment for the rocket's launching in the direction of the moon was not accidental. During the first days of January the moon is at one of the nearest points to the earth in its orbit, 368,000 kms. (228,000 miles). It was the beginning of the last quarter of the lunar month, when the moon crosses the path of the earth.

Thus, the trajectory of the rocket almost completely coincided with the direction of the earth's movement round the sun, and the rocket itself receiving a speed of about 30 kms. (18 miles) a second additional to the cosmic speed.

The Leningrad Pilkovo Observatory said the artificial planet will pass within observable distance of the earth once in five years.

De Gaulle Becomes President Today

PARIS (Reuter). — Gen. de Gaulle becomes France's President on Thursday (today) while the nation settles down to face his new programme of austerity and reform. Armed with strong executive powers, de Gaulle will be the strongest French head of state since Napoleon III died in 1873.

The Fifth Republic's first Government, to be headed by 46-year-old Senator Michel Debre, a leader of the pro-Gaullist Union for the New Republic (UNR), is due to be installed within a few days. The Socialist leader, Guy Mollet, a strong factor in bringing de Gaulle back to political life, and his party, will not participate in the new Government. The Socialists claim the austerity plan is too deflationary and have indicated they will form a "constructive opposition" to M. Debre.

Guinea Accepted Into Franc Zone

PARIS (Reuter). — France and Guinea on Wednesday signed financial, economic and cultural agreements permitting the new independent African state to remain in the Franc zone.

This was taken here to mean *de facto* recognition by France of the new Republic of Guinea set up after Guinea had voted against the new French constitution in the referendum of September 28 last year.

No official statement was made on the agreements, but one of the Guinean signatories said they covered Guinea's position in the franc zone and arrangements whereby France could send teachers and civil servants to Guinea at the request of the government.

Dissident Riffs Giving Up Arms

RABAT (Reuter). — Five thousand tribesmen in the Riff and northern provinces of Morocco have turned over their arms to the authorities and many are returning home in response to an appeal by King Mohammed, it was reported here on Wednesday.

In a broadcast on Monday, the King warned the dissident tribesmen that if his appeal went unheeded by p.m. on Wednesday, he would take "serious steps" to restore order. Copies of the appeal were dropped by air over the troubled areas.

The Government on Tuesday had airlifted troops and weapons to the Riff and Middle Atlas mountains where the dissident tribesmen were reported to be massing in opposition to the Government.

Telephone communications were cut on Tuesday with the Mediterranean port of Alhucemas in the former Spanish zone. One soldier was killed and several wounded in clashes with tribesmen near Alhucemas, which appears to be the main trouble spot in north Morocco. Police also arrested several Riff tribesmen in a swoop on Tetuan, also in the former Spanish zone.

$47m. Loan From U.S. To Develop Iran

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The U.S. Development Loan Fund signed an agreement with the Persian Government to furnish that country a credit of $47m. to help it pay for several improvement projects.

Among them are highways, airport construction and expansion, importation of agricultural machinery, city street, water and sewer development, railway and telecommunication aid.

The loan will be repayable in dollars in 12 years.

The State Department said that Iran proposed to use the loan funds to help carry out its second seven-year development programme.

To Spend $1,000m.

The Department reported that the Iranian Government intended to spend approximately $1,000m. of the country's oil revenues in financing economic development projects during the seven-year programme due to end in 1962.

The United States loan funds, the department said, would supplement Iranian financing for a large number of projects including construction and improvements of highways and airports, water and sewer systems, imports of agricultural machinery and telecommunications.

Talks on Nuclear Test Ban Resume

GENEVA (UPI). — The U.S. Britain and Russia met for a new effort on Wednesday to break through an East-West impasse on controls necessary to police a nuclear test ban.

The three-power discussions, which resumed after a long recess, are bogged down in a dispute over whether a control system should be veto-free and manned by international personnel. The Russians are demanding a veto on control machinery and want mainly Russian personnel at detection and identification units within the Soviet Union.

Britain and the U.S. were awaiting a Russian reply to a new American technical study indicating greater difficulty than had previously been believed in detecting underground nuclear explosions and distinguishing them from earthquakes.

Conditions Back To Normal in Leo'ville

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo (Reuter). — Life was back to normal on Wednesday in the Belgian Congo capital, scene of violent rioting earlier this week, although fresh minor clashes were reported from three points in the region.

In Thysville, 130 miles south-west of here, African troops of the Force Publique intervened on Tuesday and Wednesday to stop scuffles between Africans. Incidents also occurred at Krerngulu, a village near Leopoldville, and at Kimuansa, site of the Congo's inter-racial university.

But the general situation in the Belgian Congo seemed calm, with 90 per cent of African workers back at work in the capital.

Streets in the African quarters, strewn with charred wrecks of cars, lorries and even a bus, were being cleared up. Police and troops are searching for stolen goods.

Mikoyan Visit Seen Easing Berlin Crisis

WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union's First Deputy Premier, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, on Wednesday flew into Cleveland to be greeted by anti-Soviet demonstrations after two days of official and unofficial talks in Washington.

American officials said it is too early to tell whether Mr. Mikoyan's frequently expressed desire to negotiate on Berlin and other East-West tensions would lead to some compromise on these problems. But they acknowledged that his friendly attitude in his talks with Vice-President Richard Nixon, Secretary of State Dulles and others had taken the edge off the Berlin crisis.

The officials said the real test of the usefulness of the Soviet Vice-Premier's visit will come in his talks with President Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles and others when he returns to Washington after a 10-day swing around the country.

In London the Foreign Office said that it has received a full account from the U.S. Government on the talks of American leaders with Mr. Mikoyan.

Sees Stassen

Mr. Mikoyan's last meeting in Washington Tuesday night was with Mr. Harold Stassen, President Eisenhower's former chief aide on disarmament, at the Soviet Embassy.

The meeting lasted five hours and, Mr. Stassen later said, ranged over many subjects including arms cuts, nuclear test bans, Germany and the Far and Middle East.

Mr. Stassen said the discussions were "thorough and forthright," but declined to divulge any details.

Police held back several hundred people who picketed Cleveland airport as the Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, arrived from Washington.

Mr. Mikoyan was met by Mr. Cyrus Eaton, multi-millionaire industrialist who visited the Soviet Union last year, and who will be the Deputy Premier's host during his stay here.

Mr. Eaton, 75, has been urging the Government to achieve closer relations with Russia.

2,000 Demonstrate

On Mikoyan's arrival at the hotel in the centre of the city, crowds gathered in the lobby and at the entrance. Later more than 2,000 young demonstrators hurled abuse at Mikoyan and his party when they left the hotel to drive to the Union Club for lunch with Cleveland's top industrial and business leaders.

Mounted police and foot patrols struggled to keep the crowd back as the Soviet leader got into his car. As the convoy, guarded by motor cycle patrols and police cars, inched their way forward into the square in front of the hotel, the demonstrators, holding aloft scores of placards, yelled and shook their fists.

High-pitched chanting, "Go home you murderer" and "Don't come here" rose in waves as the convoy edged forward.

Another large crowd of demonstrators yelled and chanted anti-Communist slogans as the Soviet leader arrived at the Union Club.

U.S. Refutes Soviet Berlin 'History'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The State Department today issued a pamphlet to correct what it called "omissions and distortions" in the Soviet version of history as given in Moscow's note of November 27 on Berlin.

In a brief introduction, the booklet said "in its note the Soviet Government has rewritten history and presented an account of the past which persons who have lived through the periods discussed will find difficult to recognize.

"Alterations have been effected in two ways — by omission and by distortion."

The pamphlet replied point by point to Soviet statements blaming the West for the rise of Nazi militarism, for the breakdown of inter-Allied cooperation after World War Two, and for post-war German rearmament.

Encouraged Hitler

It said that before the Second World War the U.S., Britain and France had done much to discourage aggression while the U.S.S.R. engaged in activities that tended to encourage Hitler's military ambitions.

"From 1930 to 1933 the Soviet Union... directed the German Communist party to collaborate with the Nazis and other extremists in undermining the Weimar Republic."

"Official records of the Weimar Republic show that from 1922 to 1934 the Soviet Union enabled Germany to violate secretly the disarmament provisions of the Marseilles Treaty by training German fliers and tankmen in special schools on Soviet soil and by furnishing Germany with ammunition, aircraft, engines and poison gases."

The pamphlet replied to the Soviet statement that Sir Winston Churchill had given the "signal" for the cold war in his Fulton speech of March, 1946. It said the cold war was declared by Stalin in his Moscow speech on February 9, 1946, when he "made it clear to the world that the wartime alliance with the Western powers had been dictated by expediency and was not to be interpreted as an indication that cooperation between the Soviet Union and its former allies was lasting or would continue."

Potsdam Violations

The pamphlet also gave an account of what it called Soviet "destructionism" in carrying out the Potsdam agreement for four-power allied control of Germany. It recalled the Soviet walkout from the Allied Kommandatura for Berlin in June, 1948, the Berlin blockade, and the Soviet veto of a U.N. Security Council resolution for settling the 1948 Berlin crisis.

The pamphlet said the U.S.S.R. had effectively killed American moves for treaties which would guarantee against the resurgence of German militarism.

"Beginning in 1948, the Soviets built up a sizeable 'police force' in their zone (of Germany), arming it with military type weapons and having it trained by former German army officers. In 1954 — a year before an army was established in West Germany — 140,000 German military personnel were under arms in the Soviet zone, plus a force of 100,000," it pointed out.

U.K. LABOUR SAYS WEST LOST INITIATIVE

LONDON (Reuter).—The Labour Party in a statement issued Wednesday said the West had postponed still further the chance of a settlement of the German problem as a whole by their "unimaginative response" to the Soviet proposals on Berlin.

The statement by the party's executive said that once again the West had missed an opportunity to wrest the diplomatic initiative from Mr. Khrushchev.

"The problem of Berlin is the problem of Germany; the problem of Germany is the problem of Europe. A settlement will be reached not by threats nor by stonewalling, but by negotiations. It is time a more positive initiative was taken by the Western nations," the statement said.

"It is deplorable that none of the Western replies offers any basis for fruitful negotiations with the Soviet Union. They refer to proposals which the Russians cannot be expected to accept. There is no reason why Russia should agree to a reunified Germany being free to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It would obviously be greatly to her military disadvantage," the Labour statement pointed out.

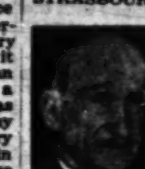
U.S. 86th Congress Session Opens

WASHINGTON (UPI).—The new and bigger 86th Congress convened at noon on Wednesday to begin operations with the Democrats more strongly in command than at any time since the days of the New Deal.

An economy challenge from President Eisenhower and a space challenge from the Russians were expected to dominate the new session. But an effort to curb Senate filibusters which could disrupt Democratic ranks, and an open Republican leadership fight, were imminent as the House and Senate held opening ceremonies.

Schumann Re-elected Europe Council Chief

STRASBOURG (Reuter). — The 74-year-old former French Premier, M. Robert Schumann, was on Wednesday night re-elected President of "Little Europe's Parliament."



SCHUMANN

The 142-member Parliamentary Assembly controlling the European Economic Community and Euratom met here for a week-long session.

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Walter Turnowsky

has passed away

The Bereaved Family

The funeral took place yesterday, January 7, 1959

Please refrain from condolence calls.

Today I prepare the meal

Mummy says that I am a good little girl, because I always help her with the housework. — But to-day I have a special surprise for her, — I am going to prepare a meal for the whole family. It is really so simple: I take a jar of "Hummus" from "Telma", add some water, — and here is a tasty dish. — All say what a wonderful cook I am — (between you and me, — there was no need to cook).

TELMA HUMMUS: CLEAN · FRESH · HEALTHY

Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Wednesday received Dr. and Mrs. A. Kubovy and Prof. and Mrs. Y. Kalugai.

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The Foreign Minister and other members of the Cabinet, the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassadors and other Heads of Missions were among those who attended a reception given by the Minister of Japan and Mrs. Kuniyoshi Negishi at the Ramat Aviv Hotel in Tel Aviv last night. Mr. Negishi is returning to Tokyo at the end of the month on completion of his tour of duty here.

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The Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz, on Wednesday received Mr. Denzil K. Freeth, M.P. (Cons.).

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Visitors to Wizo Institutions in and around Tel Aviv on Tuesday included Lady Strabolgi of London, and Mrs. P. Appelquist, wife of the Director of the Swedish co-operative insurance company, Folkfam.

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Mr. Israel Maiber, head of the Jerusalem Police Division, has been promoted from the rank of Deputy Superintendent (Rav Pakad) to Deputy District Superintendent (Sgan Nitzav), with effect from Tuesday.

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Mr. Z. Isakson, Chairman of the Farmers Federation, will address the weekly luncheon of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary club at ZOA House, today (Thursday) at 1.15.

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EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The family of the late Philip Williams wish to thank their many friends for the expressions of sympathy and condolence received during their recent bereavement, and sincerely regret that they are unable to acknowledge them personally. 57 Rehov Arlosoroff, Ramat Gan.

U.K. Beit Din Rejects 'Who is a Jew' Proposal

LONDON (INA). — British Jewry's highest religious body, the London Beit Din, on Wednesday described the Israel Government's proposal to self-identification of Israel residents as Jews for registration purposes as "a tragic menace to the home and family life of Jewish communities throughout the world." It said it conflicted with Jewish law.

The Beit Din, replying to a letter from Mr. Ben-Gurion inviting opinions on the issues in the "Who is a Jew" controversy, addressed to him an "earnest prayer that the Government of Israel over which you preside will withdraw its proposal, the implementation of which could not but violate the sanctity of the Jewish people, affect its family life and undermine the unity of the nation."

Pakistanis Want U.A.R. Friendship

PESHAWAR (Reuter). — The West Pakistan Finance Minister, Mohammed Soras, said here on Wednesday Pakistan wished to establish the friendliest relations with Abdul Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

He was answering reporters' questions during an interview.

The desire for friendship with the U.A.R. had been expressed by several Pakistani leaders, including President Mohammed Ayub Khan, over recent months.

Iraq Releases 400 Political Prisoners

Four hundred political prisoners have been released on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of Iraq's Army Day, Baghdad Radio said on Wednesday.

On Tuesday night, Premier Kassem announced in a radio and television broadcast that a new army division had been formed and equipped with the most modern weapons as part of a project to expand the Iraqi Army. He said the Government aimed at ensuring Iraq's defence against "any aggression."

Premier Kassem on Wednesday received a Soviet economic delegation now visiting the country, and discussed cultural matters with them. Later, he received a West German trade mission.

Haifa Performance Of 'Requiem' Postponed

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of Verdi's "Requiem" in Haifa scheduled for Thursday night (tonight) has been cancelled owing to the delay in the arrival of the Italian substitute for basso Raffaele Arieh, who has been stricken with bronchitis.

SHILOAH PROMOTED

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, has raised Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Political Adviser to the Ministry, to the rank of Ambassador, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Menahem Kahany, Permanent Delegate to the European Office of the U.N., has been raised to the rank of Minister.

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Tomatoes, Scaffolding, Signals Win Prizes for Productivity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Twenty Productivity Prizes will on Sunday be distributed here by the Minister of Labour, Mr. M. Namir, to workers in industry, agriculture and public services for various feats of efficiency, productivity, and devotion to their job.

The IL.250 prizes have been donated by the Histadrut Executive, which set up a special committee to select the winners from 128 nominations. The winners are:

AGRICULTURE

Mr. D. Becker of Ramat Yohanan, credited with the introduction and development of sheep-farming in Israel;

Vegetable farmers of Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak, who achieved outstanding crops on what were formerly sand-dunes;

Sara and Zvi Hirshfeld, veterans of Nahalal, who, in spite of their advanced age, still run an exemplary farm;

Mrs. F. Levi of Kibbutz Heftziba, vegetable expert, who developed a new strain of tomatoes;

Mrs. E. Carmel, who has devoted 40 years to the poultry runs at Kibbutz Beit Zera.

INDUSTRY

Mr. Abdallak Koka, employed at the Assis factory in Ramat Gan, who overcame certain problems in the canning and pasteurising processes after engineers and technicians had failed to solve the problem.

A mining team of the Menashe tunnel water project who succeeded in cutting tunnel quarrying costs.

Mr. Y. Mashiach, of the Acre Pipe Factory, developed a new steel pipe production method, involving a considerable saving in raw materials and foreign currency.

Mr. S. Azulai of the Alliance Tire plant, whose output exceeded by 85 per cent the work norm of workers in the U.S.

Mr. D. Marziano of the Military Industries, for technical innovations.

Mr. Harry Baras, a truck driver of the Tovala Company.

Mrs. A. Shevet of the Siv factory in Petah Tikva, who increased her norm by personal achievements in time-motion studies.

Miss Miriam Gutar of the Haboreg plant, in charge of eight heavy metal presses usually operated by male workers. Her efforts resulted in increased quantities and higher quality.

CONSTRUCTION, SERVICES

Mr. E. Sa'ada of Dimona, a new immigrant who learned the scaffolding trade here and now heads a 10-man team of scaffold-construction workers.

Mr. H. Kala'i converted rusty, out-dated equipment into a highly modern and efficient citrus-packaging unit at Ashkelon.

Mr. R. Friedman, of Israel Railways, devised a new signalling system.

Mr. S.P. Gottfeld made use of municipal garbage dumps for organic fertiliser production.

Mr. D. Rosenberg showed technical ingenuity in Military Industry by improving on available equipment.

Mr. M. Gottfried, a male nurse in Upper Galilee, demonstrated outstanding devotion to the 1,300 persons entrusted to his care in three immigrant villages. Working under difficult conditions, he succeeded in maintaining exemplary health standards.

Walter Turnowsky, Publisher, Dies at 61

TEL AVIV. — Walter Turnowsky, publisher and founder of W. Turnowsky and Son Ltd., died at the Assuta hospital here on Tuesday night at the age of 61 after an illness of several months. The funeral took place on Wednesday at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters and a son.

AN APPRECIATION

Walter Turnowsky was one of those rare people who combine an unerring instinct for practical matters with warm human feeling. Born in Bielitz in 1897, he made his mark early as General Secretary of the Keren Hayesod in Germany from 1921 to 1925. At this time he met all the outstanding Zionist figures of the century, and laid the foundation for his astonishingly wide range of personal contacts.

In 1925 he came to Palestine, and for the next 18 years served as General Manager of Paltours. In 1944 he established his own publishing company, Tour Ltd. (later W. Turnowsky & Son Ltd.), and from then until his untimely death this week, he and his gifted artist son Dan Toren turned out some of Israel's finest publicity and information material.

These publications are his monument, but he will live longest in the memories of all who knew and loved him — and with Walter Turnowsky the one implied the other. A great-hearted human being with an intense love for Israel's landscape and culture, great warmth and compassion, and a fertile and imaginative mind, the world is a sadder place now that he has gone. A.H.

THE LAST shipment of a $200,000 order of tires from the Alliance plant in Hadera was sent to Turkey on Tuesday.

Contest in Memory Of Capa, Seymour

TEL AVIV. — The sister of David "Chim" Seymour, and the mother of Robert Capa, the press photographers killed while at work on battlefronts, have established a IL2,000 fund for an annual photography contest in Israel.

The contest, open to amateur and professional photographers, is for pictures which will "express human emotions or foster understanding between peoples." Entries are to be submitted to the Tel Aviv Journalists Association or the Photograph Department of the Government Press Office by February 28. An exhibition of the best photographs will open at Beit Sokolow on April 26, the prize-giving day. Three prizes to be awarded will be of IL500, IL300 and IL200.

The idea for the prize came from Mrs. E. Schneiderman of New York, Chim's sister. She contacted Mrs. Julia Friedman, Capa's mother, also of New York, and they each pledged to make IL1,000 available yearly.

Seymour, born in Warsaw, and Capa, born in Budapest, met and became bosom friends in Paris at the time of the Spanish Civil War. They both specialised in battle-front photography, and together with Henri Cartier-Bresson set up the Magnum Press Photography company in Paris. Capa was killed in Indo-China in 1954 and Seymour was with Jean Roy in a jeep ambushed by Egyptians at El Kantara on November 10, 1957, four days after the cease-fire.

Capa covered the War of Independence here in 1948 and returned in 1949. Seymour did various photographic essays here in 1950, 1952, and 1954, which were printed in leading American and French magazines.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
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News: Hebrew: 6.30, 7.00 and 7.30 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m. English: 2.00 p.m. French 2.15 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Grofe: Suite "Mississippi". Khatchaturian: "Masquerade". Saint-Saens: Cello Concerto in A-minor (Soloist: Andre Navarra). 12.00 Sephardic Tunes. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 12.45 Housewife's Request Programme. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.35 Oboe Recital by George Haas, with Barbara Pfeifer (Piano) Works by French Composers: Loeillet: Larghetto and Allegro. Grobles: Sarabande and Allegro. La-Bouche: Concert-Fantasy 6.45 Children's Corner 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Sports. 6.40 Talmud Lesson. 7.20 Ron Ami. 7.35 "At the Knesset." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.30 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, Chap. 43 & 44. 9.30 Newsreel. 9.30 Programme by Peter Frye & J. Targum. 10.05 Tunes by Dr. Enrico Shmeral 10.35 Songs and Dance Request Programme. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
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IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (recorded at a concert for "Les Jeunesses Musicales"). Mozart: Symphony No. 35 in D ("Haffner"), K. 385 (Conductor: Alceo Galliera). 6.30 Musical Bag.

7.00 French. 7.20 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
497 & 41.07 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—21.15 p.m. Persian 8.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.2 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.37 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 6.45 Newsreel. 6.55 Afrikaans Programme.

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.22 "Thursday Column" — Walter Eytan. 10.30 "Tourists in Eilat". 10.40 The Week's Portion.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 218, 735 & 365 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.32 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Bow & Arrow." 7.45 "Worth Listening To." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.30 "Intermezzo." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Pleasant Tunes." 9.30 Excerpts from Operas. 10.00 Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.90, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, News Talk, Week's Feature.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00-11.00 Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (464 & 495 M.): 7.45 a.m. News. 12.30 B.B.C. Bandstand. 1.30 p.m. News. 4.30 Journey into Space. 7.00 News & Commentary. 7.15 "Lullabye" with the Norman Luboff Choir. 10.00 "From A to Z." 10.45 Interlude for Music with the Hedley Ward Trio. 11.00 News.

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A World Cabinet

Khrushchev
PREMIER

De Gaulle
DEFENCE

Adlai Stevenson
FOREIGN SEC'Y

Konrad Adenauer
TRANSPORT

Harold Macmillan
AGRICULTURE

LONDON (Reuter). — The "Daily Express" on Wednesday named Soviet Premier Khrushchev as its readers' choice to lead with Gen. Charles de Gaulle in charge of defence.

The four-million circulation Conservative paper conducted a poll on the ideal cabinet for the world in the event of a "threat from outer space."

It published the above winning list which came "nearest to the collective opinion of all entries." A sixth "member" not pictured is Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, "Minister of Trade."

Red Army Veteran Is Malben's 50,000th

TEL AVIV. — A one-legged veteran of the Battle of Stalingrad, 34-year-old Hershel Greenspan, became a milestone for Malben this week as the 50,000th individual to apply for constructive assistance in his readjustment to normal life.

The Red Army veteran, who came to Israel last June, declared himself ready for any kind of job.

"He'll need an artificial leg and some physiotherapy and he'll be fine," his doctors said. Mr. Greenspan was referred to Malben, the JDC agency for the care of aged and sick immigrants, which will provide all the treatment necessary to enable him eventually to provide for himself and his wife, son and daughter.

Stamp Contest Without Israel Designers

Israel's stamp designers abstained from participating in the recent international contest for stamps based on Bible themes, because the conditions were changed at the last moment without consulting the Association of Commercial Artists in Israel, the Association informs *The Jerusalem Post*.

In reply to the statement of Minister of Posts Israel Barzilai that a large number of local designers did take part in the contest, which the Ministry organised, the Association pointed out that in such an open competition many amateurs, and even children, compete.

Of the Association's 120 members, said to include all Israel stamp designers, only one submitted an entry, and he has resigned from the Association.

Khrushchev On U.S. Leaders

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Senator Hubert Humphrey, who recently met with the Soviet Prime Minister, wrote in "Life" Magazine on Tuesday that Mr. Khrushchev had told him he thought of President Eisenhower as "a very honest man who wants peace."

About former President Harry Truman, he said: "I did not like Truman, I did not like Truman's policies, but Truman did make decisions."

Mr. Khrushchev spoke of Secretary of State Dulles with bitterness, Senator Humphrey reported.

"He is a man of a very special kind of character," he was quoted as saying. "That is not only my view. Throughout the whole world he is regarded in the same way."

Herut Wants Natanya Mayor Investigated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NATANYA. — The Herut faction in the Local Council have asked the State Controller to examine the bank accounts of Mayor Moshe Shaked. They claim that there was no clear differentiation between his personal and the town's accounts.

Mr. Shaked, who is a Progressive, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had on several occasions extended loans without interest to the Municipality, when it was in difficult straits. This had been done with the full knowledge of Town Councillors, Mr. Shaked said, and the town now owed him IL25,000. This sum involved no interest at all and did not even cover the interest rates he himself had to pay, Mr. Shaked declared.

Where to go

• Meet the Israeli: — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• Zoo: — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. 8-5.

• Exhibitions: — Permanent exhibition of antiquities. Special Exhibition: New excavations at Kabri, Rogilit, Kfar Truman and Ruhama, Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1; 3-6.

Permanent exhibition of Jewish ceremonial art. Expressionism. Ceramics by Gertrud and Otto Natzler. Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture, Bezalel Museum, 9-1; 3.30-6.

Y. Ragour, (recently returned from Paris), oil and gouache paintings from France. Artists' House, 10-1; 4-6.

Exhibition of Oil Paintings by Olga Freudman-Rado. Gouaches by Ferro, Bat Yoseef, Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1; 3-6.

• Lecture. — Dr. Yigael Yadin: "Hatzor Excavations" (with slides), Beit Hillel, 8.45 p.m.

• Lecture Postponed: — The lecture of Dr. F. Schiff on "The Notion of Expressionism in Art History" scheduled for tonight has been postponed until next Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. at the Bezalel National Museum.

• Tours: — Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 12 noon, New University Campus. Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• Film Shows: — Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

• Theatre: — Habimah, "Cry the Beloved Country," Edison, 8.

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• Zoological Gardens: — Open between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Exhibitions: — Ya'acov Agam: "Paintings in Movement—Transformable Painting." Tel Aviv Museum. 10-4.

Painters and Sculptors, Gallery Hamlin House, 28 Rehov Weizmann, 10-1; 4-7.

Paintings by Sarah Glicksman-Faitlowicz, Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1; 4-7.

• Z.O.A. House: — Tourist Service (9 a.m.—9 p.m.) daily.

"The Fourposter"—Comedy presented by the Little Theatre, 8.30.

• Tourist Service: — Visit Hadassah Club, 30 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 22239.

Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26825, 3-9 p.m.

• Theatre: — Habimah, "Lysistrata," 8. Ohel, "The Respectful Prostitute," 6.45, 8.45. Cameri, "Look Homeward, Angel," 8.

HAIFA

• Tourist Service: — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 23 Rehov Hehalutz, Tel. 67985.

• Exhibitions: — Consumer goods exhibition: lighting fixtures, lamps, fabrics and toys. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre, Beit Hakranot, 10-1; 4-7.

• Lectures. — Golden Age Club: Dr. Arthur Biram on "A teacher in Israel for four decades." B'nei B'rith Home, 2 Wedgwood Ave., Central Carmel, 4.30 p.m. — Guests welcome.

• Entertainment: — Les Ballet Africains de Keita Fodeba, Orah, 4 and 9.

KIRYAT GAT

• Entertainment: — Dzigan & Schumacher: "Zoh vi du gehat," Gat Cinema, 8.30.

Amateur Artist Competition
at the
HOBBIES EXHIBITION
Registration by mail of civilians and soldiers for all the arts is with the "Amateur Artists Competition", Tenth Anniversary Committee, 40 Derech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv.
The World Committee for the Tenth Anniversary.

ZOA HOUSE
Sunday, January 11, at 8.30 p.m.
Mr. Harold Cantor
Fulbright Scholar
will lecture in English on:
"A LOOK AT MINNESOTA"
accompanied by the film: "Star of the North"
The Public is Invited

Work Begins on Solar Plant for Making Steam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Work has started at the Institute for Arid Zone Research on the construction of a pilot plant for producing steam by solar energy. It will be able to generate about a ton of steam a day at 11 to 14 atmospheres. It is believed that the solar method may be less expensive than conventional fuel steam plants.

The solar steam plant is to be connected to various industrial plants and possibly to the new Kupat Holim hospital in Beersheba. The "brain child" of Dr. Zvi Tabor, director of the National Physical laboratory, it is expected to be ready for operation by July.

At the same time a pilot plant for the desalination of brackish water will also be completed at the Institute.

Israel UNESCO Unit Invites Veronese Here

The Israel Commission for UNESCO met at the Ministry of Education in Jerusalem on Tuesday to hear a report from the Israel delegation to the 10th General Conference of UNESCO, which was recently held in Paris.

The Israel delegates were Dr. M. Avidor, the Director-General of the Ministry of Education; Prof. S. Sambursky, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Hebrew University; and Mr. Y. Levin, Director of the Information Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The Commission sent its congratulations to the new UNESCO Secretary-General, Dr. Vittorio Veronese, and invited him to visit Israel.

Job-Seekers Told 'Hebrew Essential'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — When dissatisfied immigrants from English-speaking countries last month complained that nothing was being done to help them settle here, a field worker was appointed to investigate their case, Mr. Shlomo Temkin, Director of the Israel Office of the British Zionist Federation, on Monday night told a discussion forum organized by the Federation.

He reported that the inquiry, carried out by Miss Ema Lyons among 32 companies, had shown that 14 of them were ready to interview candidates for secretarial posts immediately.

English-speaking staff with some knowledge of Hebrew would be welcome, Mr. Temkin said, but the standards demanded were now much higher than some years ago. There was a constant need for qualified people, but only if they knew Hebrew.

It was not uncommon to find girls who imagined they were well-equipped for a post, even though they had never even seen a Hebrew typewriter keyboard and had only acquired a limited knowledge of Hebrew at an ulpan. Miss Lyons' findings confirmed, he added, that a post-ulpan, Hebrew secretarial course would remedy these difficulties.

Mr. Temkin advocated the training in England of young persons planning to settle in Israel. This would save time and undue expense.

Jerusalem Zoo Gets Aid Committee

A decision to set up a small committee to mobilise wide general support for the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo was taken recently at Beit Hanassi. The meeting, attended by a representative cross-section of Jerusalem's leaders in the fields of commerce, industry and finance was presided over by Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi.

Mr. Issar Boury, Jerusalem Municipal Treasurer, is to be Chairman of the Committee.

Shazur Resettled By Ex-Persians

ACRE. — About 30 families of immigrants from Persia, hitherto living in Beisan and working on neighbouring farms, were to have settled in Shazur village, near Rama on Wednesday. Shazur was established in 1954, but most of its original settlers left.

THE NUMBER of tourists who entered the country during December, 1958, totalled 3,569 as compared with 2,633 in December 1957.

Saud Warns Dag On Buraimi Issue

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia has told the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, that his Government will raise its dispute with Britain over the Buraimi oasis in the United Nations, according to Mecca Radio heard here.

The King told Mr. Hammarskjold, who arrived in Riadh on Monday, that Britain in the past years had shown aggressive intentions and occupied the Buraimi oasis by force, after an agreement had been reached between the two states to take this question to the International Court in The Hague.

The King also said that the proposed Arab economic boycott of France was a punishment for her military operations in Algeria. All Arabs would unite their ranks to face any danger, he added.

In Cairo, the afternoon newspaper "Al Kahira" reported that King Saud has warned Mr. Hammarskjold that all states will fight Israel if she refuses to repatriate Palestine refugees.

JET. — Technical problems of the jet airliner age in the Middle East and South-East Asia will be considered at the month-long conference of the U.N. International Civil Aviation Organization (I.C.A.O.) which opened in Rome on Wednesday.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
3.30, 6.45, 8.45

ARMON: Time Limit.
EDEN: Dunkirk.
OR GIL: Hubi
ORION: Lost.
ORNA: Fräulein.
RON: Les bijoutiers du Clair de Lune (The Night Heaven Fell).
SEMADAR: Sayonara.
TEL OR: Last Holiday.
ZION: Pauvre mais Belle (Poor but Lovely).
EDISON: Untamed Youth.
STUDIO: East of Eden.

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3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: This Angry Age.
ARMON DAVID: South Sea Woman.
CHEN: Around the World in 80 Days.
EDEN: Baalbeol Effendi.
ESTHER: The Brothers Karamazov.
GAT: Indiscreet.
MAXIM: Indiscreet.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai.
MIGDALOR: La Chatte.
OPHIR: La loi c'est la loi.
PEER: Ah, les belles Bacchantes.
SDEROTH: Giant.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator.
TEL AVIV: Mardi Gras.
TCHELET: Patrouille de Choc.
YARON: The Badlanders.
ZAFON: The Smallest Show on Earth.
ZAMIR: Wuthering Heights.

HAIFA
3.30, 6.45, 9.

ORION: The Law and Jake Wade.
PEER: Desire under the Elms.
ARMON: Around the World in 80 Days.
ATZMON: This Could Be The Night.
GAL OR: He Laughed Last.
MORIAH: Value for Money.
EN DOR: The Silver Lode.
ORLY: Reach for the Sky.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Hunters.
MAY: The Sad Sack.
ORAH: Une vie.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Batish, 3 Straus, 2011.

TEL AVIV: Magen David, 35 Allenby, 66458; Nordau, 189 Ben Yehuda, 22073; Frankel, 28 King George, 26721; Dr. Michlin, 113 Allenby, 63258; Maccabi, New Maccabi Qr., 31287. JAFFA: Noga, near Noga Cinema. RAMAT GAN: Noga, 17 Weizmann, 72456. PETAH TIKVA: Rasal, Rothschild-Herzl. REHOVOT: Levin, 190 Herzl, 951245. RISHON: Strahilevich. HOLON: Briut, Sokolov. NATANYA: Hamagin.

HAIFA: Glousman, 13 Balfour, 4033.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Greenwald, 22 Yehoshua Bin-Nun, 62969; Dr. Hameiri, 71 Beit Lehem, 62963; Dr. Shor, 45 Rashi.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Elsen, 5 Shimshon, 20748; Dr. Har-Even, 35 Sheinkin, 20411; Dr. Weiss, 73 Dizengoff; Dr. Simon, 48 Sderot Keren Kayemet, 51374. HOLON: Dr. Dokor, Tel Gibborim, Shikun Amami 12a.

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Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. I	[illegible]
5½% Comp. Loan	[illegible]
3½% Travel Dollar g)	[illegible]
6% Reg. Sterling "A"	[illegible]
Def. Loan Bonds 6½% f)	[illegible]
6½% Def. Bonds f)	[illegible]
6½% Def. Bonds g)	[illegible]
6½% Lee. G. Debs. f)	[illegible]
6½% Lee. G. Debs. g)	[illegible]
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Lee.)	[illegible]
6½% Bonds 60/65 f)	[illegible]
ditto g)	[illegible]
Israel Shipyard	
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ditto g)	[illegible]
6% Deb. 58/68 f)	[illegible]
ditto g)	[illegible]
Israel 6½% Deb. 58/68	
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Class "B" g)	[illegible]
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Jordan Exploration Co.	[illegible]
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SCIENTIFIC. — A Soviet scientific and technical delegation has arrived in Peking to attend the eighth session of the Sino-Soviet Committee for Scientific and Technical Co-operation.

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Monday, Jan. 19 — Series 3
Wednesday, Jan. 21 — Series 4
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THE INCOME TAX COMMISSION
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Y. Salomon,
Deputy Income Tax Commissioner.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

ARRIVALS: El Al 102 from Johannesburg, Leopoldville and Kano at 0630. Air France 139 from Teheran at 1030. El Al 402 from Istanbul at 1630. El Al 208 from New York, London and Athens at 1910. Cyprus Airways 24 from London, Zurich, Athens and Nicosia at 2230. El Al 414 from London, Paris and Zurich at 2255. El Al 416 from Amsterdam, Cologne and Rome at 2255. Olympic Airways 600 from London, Paris, Rome and Athens at 2355.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 232 to Athens and Zurich at 0800. BEA 137 to Athens, Rome and London at 0815. Cyprus Airways 25 to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome, Nice and London at 0830. El Al 407 to Istanbul at 0900. TWA 801 to Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris and New York at 1015. Sabena 530 to Athens, Vienna and Brussels at 1030. KLM 526 to Rome and Amsterdam at 1215. El Al 207 to Rome, Paris and New York at 1300. Air France

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Today's Postbags

The Weather

FORECAST: Intermittent showers in the morning, becoming partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Weather Synopsis: A barometric low over the East Mediterranean is causing precipitation over our region.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	89	3	7	8
Tiberias	76	13	14	16
Haifa Port	60	13	16	17
Nathanya	66	13	17	18
Tel Aviv Kirya	73	13	15	16
Tel Aviv Port	71	13	16	17
Lydda Airport	80	10	14	15
Jerusalem	97	6	7	8
Beersheba	74	6	14	15
Sdom	36	12	20	22
Eilat	38	13	21	22

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAINFALL (in mm.)

	A.	B.
Jerusalem	1.8	35.6
Acre	14.0	138.6
Haifa	18.3	110.0
Tel Aviv	3.1	53.8
Lydda Airport	12.0	56.1
Rehovot	24.8	47.8
Hazor	26.0	94.0
Mt. Cana'an	11.4	160.5
Nazareth	21.3	116.2
Afula	18.6	62.6

A. Rainfall in mm. during the 24 hours up to 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.
B. Total since August 1, 1958.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Gregorio Wertheim, President Banco Israelita and active in the Comite de Cooperacao Economica com Israel in Argentina.

THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy to Mount Scopus went up with supplies and personnel replacements on Wednesday.

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AN ORDER removing Dr. Meir Waldman from the lawyers' roll was gazetted on Thursday. Waldman had been convicted of a criminal offence.

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DRY VERMOUTH for cocktails is now being produced by Carmel Mizrahi after three years of experiment.

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THE NEW D'vir Hotel on Haifa's Panorama Road will be formally opened on Saturday night with a festive ball.

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THE VERDICT in the trial of Yosef Shvo, the knife grinder from Kfar Nahum charged with espionage, will be handed down by the Tel Aviv District Court on Monday.

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A TENDER driven by Mr. Lipa Shurki, of Ramat Gan, was seriously damaged on the Petah Tikva Road on Wednesday when it caught fire from a short-circuited battery.

Chemists Oppose Kanev Health Plan

TEL AVIV. — The Pharmaceutists Association on Wednesday declared its opposition to the Kanev Committee's proposals for National Health Insurance.

The proposed scheme would deprive 20 per cent of the population of full health insurance and "leave the remaining 80 per cent at the mercy of the queue and the bureaucracy of the existing Sick Funds," the Chairman, Mr. Y. Shorr, declared at a press conference. Present with him were other members of the Association's executive.

The 320 private pharmacies organized in the Association would be deprived of their livelihood if the Kanev proposals became law, he said. If the Knesset does not include the private pharmacists within the national scheme, then the 80 per cent of the population it is to serve would not be assured a proper and orderly supply of medicaments and drugs, Mr. Shorr warned.

Smell of Oil At Well Near Natanya

GA'ASH.—Encouraging signs of oil were found in an analysis of the gases emanating from the well being sunk here by the Israel National Oil Company. Besides methane, butane, propane and ethane gases were also present in the gases rising from the bore hole, just off the Natanya-Tel Aviv coastal road.

The company, it was stated, considers these indications sufficiently hopeful to warrant the drilling of additional wells at its Ga'ash site. A geophysicist will go there on Sunday to fix the locations.

The simultaneous presence of these gases is a hopeful indication of the presence of oil, company sources said.

KAHANA REPLACEMENT NOT AIRED IN CABINET

We have been informed by the Secretary to the Government that the question of replacing Dr. S. Z. Kahana as Director-General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs was not raised at this week's Cabinet meeting in any form, as was stated in our report on Tuesday. No views were expressed in this matter either by the Prime Minister or any other Cabinet member.

Immigration Sights Raised

Rumania Easing Restrictions

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rumania has opened its gates to Jewish emigration, and a considerable number of immigrants may be expected from that country in the very near future, Mrs. Senia Josephthal, head of the Histadrut Absorption and Development Department, revealed here on Wednesday. The Rumanian Department of Interior has even increased its staff to expedite their departure, she added.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Mrs. Josephthal said that the authorities would direct 70 per cent of the Rumanian immigrants to the towns in the development areas and settlements and 30 per cent to the coastal region.

One of the main distinctions between the Rumanian and the Polish immigration was that the former arrive here penniless whilst the latter arrived here with some property. Thus the Rumanian immigrants were much more prepared to settle down than their predecessors, whose funds allowed them to roam the country seeking for "a more favourable arrangement."

The Rumanian families were also as a rule younger and smaller than the Polish, making their absorption problems easier to overcome. Moreover, a large proportion of the Rumanian immigration consisted of workers and artisans. The Poles had been mostly small businessmen, whose adjustment to manual work had been difficult, she pointed out.

Immigrants to New Towns

There was no longer any room for question that the country would have to be settled by small towns based on industry, in view of the shortage of water for further agricultural development, Mrs. Josephthal stated. This did not mean that newcomers were not encouraged to go to existing agricultural settlements; on the contrary, there are 1,600 homes in kibbutzim and 800 in moshavim awaiting them.

But it had been found that while immigrants were prepared to go to these villages, their relatives in this country actively discouraged them from doing so, she said.

It was hoped that the latest arrivals would remain in the new towns, which had attained a certain level of stability. The Polish immigrants had shown a regrettable tendency to drift to the large cities, Mrs. Josephthal said. Today, the development towns possessed a stable nucleus of veterans and Polish immigrants who had remained. Thus, the newcomers would find a suitable social group to join.

'Personal Touch'

The task of the Histadrut, and more particularly her department, was to supply the personal touch, missing in the official handling of absorption. "Our task, and especially that of the local Histadrut workers, is to guide the newcomer through the labyrinth of official agencies," Mrs. Josephthal declared.

The Government official was not on the spot, and the Histadrut man, who was, could also instruct the authorities concerned.

In most new centres, the Histadrut offices completed the as yet undeveloped local authorities. "Without our mediation, nothing could begin in such places," she stated.

The department has a budget of IL800,000 — two-thirds of which is earmarked for initial absorption of newcomers. Similarly, it operated a IL1.2m. loan fund which extended assistance to artisans and small factory owners.

80,000 May Come in 1959

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Immigration in 1959 can now be expected to reach about 80,000, the spokesman of the Jewish Agency told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday. This estimate is based on new developments in the last few weeks, he said, and on the assumption that there is no change in other prevailing conditions.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol in his budget speech in the Knesset on Monday quoted a figure of 40,000 immigrants, but he added that this might be exceeded. In the event of the immigration rate being doubled, as is now anticipated, extra funds will have to be found. According to Dr. Dov Joseph, Jewish Agency Treasurer, last Monday, some IL120m. would be required for the transport, housing and initial absorption of 80,000 immigrants.

With these facts in mind, all-out efforts are being made to increase the income of fund drives in the U.S., the spokesman said. It is possible that Foreign Minister Golda Meir will visit the U.S. for this purpose. Mr. Eshkol left for the U.S. on Tuesday, and Mr. Avraham Harman, Head of the Agency's Information Department, is to leave shortly. He will be followed by other special emissaries.

On Tuesday, the immigrant housing programme was discussed at a meeting between Minister of Labour Mordechai Namir and four members of the Agency Executive, led by Dr. Joseph. The meeting resolved to do everything possible to build the maximum in the shortest time, and to obtain advance allocations from the new housing budget.

Histadrut Firms Buying IL2m. in 'Aliya' Bonds

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut industry is to underwrite IL2m. worth of Immigration Loan bonds, *The Jerusalem Post* learned here on Wednesday.

The largest single purchase is the IL800,000 taken up by Koor Industries Ltd.

This sum is in addition to the purchase of IL10m. worth of bonds pledged by Histadrut members.

Histadrut leaders feel that private industry is not bearing its share of the loan burden, and it is understood that the Histadrut's representatives on the Loan Council have made this viewpoint quite clear.

New Biography to Be Given to B-G Today

Robert St. John, the author and journalist, arrived here late on Tuesday night by El Al from Switzerland for a five-day visit. Today (Thursday) he will present Prime Minister Ben-Gurion with a copy of his most recent book — "Ben-Gurion — The Biography of an Extraordinary Man."

The author of "Shalom Means Peace," Mr. St. John has paid several visits to this country.

Pilgrims Back, Soaked But Happy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The holiday spirit of 1,500 Christmas pilgrims of the Eastern Orthodox faith was considerably dampened by rain during a long wait at Mandelbaum Gate on their return from the Jordan Sector on Wednesday. But the pilgrims, most of them rain-soaked and excited, wore a smile on their chilled and wet faces.

The cold drizzle penetrated the Israel customs tent, dripping onto the pilgrims checking their effects. The passage from the border to the tents looked like a muddy river bed.

A number of pilgrims from Galilee, when asked if the downpour spoiled their visit to Bethlehem, smiled back and said that the rain was cause for additional celebration. One farmer from a Galilee village, his face soaked, told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We didn't mind the rain at all. This is what we prayed for in Bethlehem."

Another said that the Israeli pilgrims started dancing and singing in the streets of Bethlehem when it started raining late last night. The pilgrims had no raincoats with them and were caught unprepared.

Three M.D.A. ambulances stationed at the Gate had nothing to do.

As usual, the pilgrims brought many gifts from Jordan.

The only incident marring the return crossing was an attempt by a middle-aged woman from Nazareth to smuggle eight and a half Jordanian dinars into Israel. When she was caught with the money, she started pleading that another woman put them in her bag, telling her that they were Israeli pounds, and she accepted them. The dinars were confiscated.

"Operation Christmas" will end on January 19, when about 300 Armenians are expected to cross the lines to celebrate Christmas in Jordan.

IL850,000 Shelling Damage in Hula

TIBERIAS. — Damage of IL850,000 was caused to Hula settlements by the Syrian shelling last month, according to the report of the committee appointed by the Finance Ministry to give an assessment. The settlements have received IL250,000 on account.

The report recommends the construction of concrete houses to replace the wooden huts still widely used, with priority for children's houses and schools. This would boost the cost by another IL1.5m. under a plan to complete reconstruction in two stages over an extended period.

IL2m. Loan to Set Up Chain Stores Approved

POST Economic Reporter

A recommendation to lend the Merchants Association and the Consumers Cooperatives IL2m. of Government funds for the establishment of chain stores and self-service groceries was adopted on Wednesday by the Knesset Economic sub-committee dealing with supermarkets. The decision was unanimous.

The sub-committee, headed by Dr. B. Avniel (Herut), made the loan conditional on the two organizations' raising at least IL4m. of their own capital for the project.

It was also recommended that the Government appoint a special committee to investigate the best way to reduce food marketing costs.

Mr. M. Gilboa, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, who was present at the meeting, concurred in the sub-committee recommendation. The members of the sub-committee are Messrs. G. Schocken (Progressive); I. Nitzani (Mapai) and S. Peristein (General Zionists).

2 Held on Charge of Running 'Call Girl' Racket in Haifa

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police here on Tuesday smashed a "call girl" racket when they raided two flats near Central Carmel being used as brothels.

An unmarried couple who allegedly ran the establishment were detained, and will be charged in court on Thursday. Police say the man has made a confession.

The couple employed several dozen women on a "call girl" basis. None of them were professional prostitutes and they included married women and mothers who came to earn "pin money," police said.

The houses, which are within walking distance of each other, were open in the mornings and early afternoons, but not at night, so as not to arouse suspicion. It is believed that the establishments have been operating for about 18 months, charging "clients" IL20-IL30 per visit, of which the operators took half.

The police had been keeping a watch on the couple's activities for some months and had suspected them of running brothels in the town's residential neighbourhoods. They then kept one of the houses under continuous surveillance and saw a number of men enter and leave, including officials, businessmen and lawyers.

'Gentleman' Caller

On Tuesday afternoon a C.I.D. sergeant rang the bell and walked into the well-furnished two-room flat. The owner, who had answered the door, recognizing the policeman, stood momentarily nonplussed.

Five men and a woman were found on the premises. The woman reportedly volunteered evidence, saying she was married, with two children, and in financial difficulties. She led the police to the second flat where they found a young woman who told them she was about to become engaged to be married. She, too, agreed to give evidence.

The men also made statements, saying they had regularly visited the flats, each time by previous appointment. They had always found a different woman there.

The police immediately released the men and the two women and are withholding details which might lead to their identification, for fear that this might lead to the break-up of families. They were also reportedly taking no steps to discover the identity of the other men and women who resorted to the flats.

While police were searching one of the establishments on Wednesday morning for further evidence, a woman arrived there from Tel Aviv, and was detained. She said she had been told to report at 10 that morning by the owner of the flat.

Basketball Game With Poles Tonight

TEL AVIV. — The game between the Polish selected and Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball teams, to have taken place at the Holon Hapoel court on Wednesday night, was washed out by the rains, and has been postponed until Thursday night. The game will now take place at 8 p.m. "in any weather."

The Polish hoopsters are scheduled to return to Poland on Friday. On Wednesday, they were the guests of the Israel-Poland Friendship League at a reception held at Beit Sokolow.

Top Civil Servants Taking 3 Days Off

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Senior Government Officials Council (Grades 1-4) on Wednesday reaffirmed its decision to call a three-day work stoppage this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to press their demands for higher wages. All 700 civil servants affected hold administrative posts, and although they will not appear for work, they do not consider their absence a strike since these days will be deducted from their annual leave.

The three-day walkout is the first step in the officials' fight to win recognition of the principle that administrators who bear responsibility for their departments should not earn less than any person in that department.

A possible meeting with the Prime Minister in a last attempt to settle the dispute was broached at a meeting on Wednesday night between Council representatives and the Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. David Rosolio. While nothing definite was decided, it appears quite likely that the two sides will have an opportunity to present their respective cases to Mr. Ben-Gurion on Friday.

A spokesman for the Council said on Wednesday in Jerusalem that they were demanding four things: reclassifications within the present system of grades; additional pay for overtime; an allowance for professional literature; and a new system for granting them seniority pay.

It was pointed out that at present a Grade II official after ten years of work earned IL474 in basic pay and seniority. An engineer or doctor of an equivalent grade received IL582.500 after ten years, while a lawyer earned IL582.500. The difference between the pay scales of the administrative and professional workers lies in the much greater consideration given to seniority rights accruing to the latter.

The net cost of meeting the demands of the senior administrative officials would be only IL250,000, it was said.

Hevrat Ovdim Wants Government in Zim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, on Wednesday approved the co-option of the Government as a partner in Zim Ltd.

At present control rests with the Jewish Agency and Koor. Under the proposed plan, each partner would have a one-third interest in the shipping firm. The Jewish Agency Executive has already declared its unanimous support of letting the Government in as a partner.

Zim's shortage of capital for expansion has prompted the two partners to turn to the Government.

Strong opposition to Government participation was expressed at the Hevrat Ovdim meeting by Mr. B. Linn (Mapam) and Mr. B. Repetur (Ahdut Ha-Avoda). Mr. Repetur insisted that such a move would weaken the Histadrut economy, while if the Government had honoured its obligations to Zim, the company's development programmes would not have to be curtailed.

Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Histadrut Secretary General (Mapai), declared that there was no sacrifice of principle involved in bringing the Government into Zim as a partner.

The meeting appointed a four-man committee to work out the new partnership with the Government and the Jewish Agency. Members of the committee are Mr. Ze'ev Onn (Secretary of Hevrat Ovdim); Mr. Barpal (Zim), Mr. A. Zabarsky, Manager of the Workers Bank, and Mr. Repetur.

Money Circulation Rises by IL12m.

Currency in circulation rose by IL12,285,128 during the week ending Tuesday, to stand at IL276,391,202, the Bank of Israel reports. Treasury bills and Government promissory notes increased by IL10,086,000; promissory notes and bills of exchange by IL2,346,034; foreign currency reserves by IL2,689, and gold reserves by IL405.

A TOTAL of 428 Israel organizations and institutions are accorded Ministry of Social Welfare recognition as "public welfare agencies" in a list published by the Ministry this week.

Locust Invasion Biggest In 43 Years; Damage Slight

This year's invasion of locusts has not been surpassed in size since 1915, when swarms devoured every vestige of vegetation, and even some small animals, throughout the countryside, Mr. Gideon Cohen, Director of the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, declared on Wednesday. Despite the extent of this year's invasion, Mr. Cohen added, little damage has been caused — mainly because the swarms could be attacked in time from both air and ground.

The state of alert in the Department will continue until all flying locusts in the country are wiped out and will resume once again when the eggs laid by the present swarms hatch in a few weeks. Mr. Cohen said the Department's 20 workers and eight vehicles have been busy fighting the locusts from dawn to late in the evening, in addition to maintaining round the clock telephone duty at Department headquarters in Jaffa.

He pointed out, however, that the locusts could only be sprayed effectively while they were still dormant on the ground — this is only during the cooler hours of the night and the early morning. Due to this, the reports of swarms that were most effectively followed up were those coming in, in the early evening hours when the locust had bedded down for the night and arrangements for their dawn destruction could be made before dawn.

The head of the anti-locust campaign declared that the complete cooperation of settlers in all parts of the country was required for a successful campaign against the pests. In this context, he regretted that many farmers had been lax in reporting swarms that had settled in their neighbourhoods.

On the other hand, Mr. Cohen singled out the members of Yotvata settlement in the southern Negev for special praise for their relentless efforts in combating the repeated waves of locusts which had attacked their fields.

3 'Experts' Detained In Jerusalem Robbery

Three Jerusalemites, aged between 17 and 25, were detained on Wednesday afternoon in connection with a daring and highly professional robbery carried out the night before in the Mendelson Building Materials and Tools firm on Rehov Agrippas.

All the stolen goods were allegedly found in their possession.

Crack detectives were assigned to the case after investigation showed that a gang had broken into the premises during the night, carrying with them first class tools with which they pried open a safe and removed the money in it.

Evidence was found that the robbers had also made expert use of tools which were on the premises. One of those detained is a well-known burglar. (Itim)

Embezzling Bank Clerk Gets 15 Months' Jail

TEL AVIV. — Ruling that offences against the public required exemplary punishment, the District Court on Wednesday imposed a 15-month prison term on a bank clerk, Akiva Shaked (Mandel), 30, from B'nei Brak, who was found guilty of embezzling IL6,125 from the Discount Bank.

The Court rejected a recommendation of the Probation Officer, to which the District Attorney lent his support, to place the accused on probation rather than send him to jail.

Shaked pleaded guilty to having forged the names of eight depositors on various cheques, cashing them, and manipulating the accounts accordingly. The Court noted that the accused had suffered a severe head wound during the War of Liberation, but that the Probation Officer had declared it was difficult to determine whether this injury had any connection with the offence.

The Court took into account the fact that the accused and his family had returned the embezzled sums and that he had no previous record.

Judge Helps Police Capture Two Thieves

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — District Court Judge Dr. M. Etzioni on Tuesday evening helped the police catch two suspected criminals.

A police patrol cruising along Mt. Carmel noticed two suspicious characters. The constables jumped out of their car to give chase, but were losing ground until Judge Etzioni happened on the scene. He immediately took in the situation and directed the policemen in the direction one of the men had fled.

The suspect was caught and allegedly confessed to a number of thefts, turning over to police stolen watches discovered in his home. He also gave them his accomplice's address, and he was soon picked up as well.

Boy Killed Trying To Catch Bus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An 11-year-old boy was run over and fatally injured by a Hamekasher bus in the Givat Shaul Quarter of Jerusalem early on Wednesday morning. The boy, Pinhas Rubinstein, was rushed to Sha'arei Zedek Hospital but died en route.

A provisional police reconstruction of the incident indicates that the boy ran to catch the bus which had begun to move. He was hit by the side of the bus, and thrown under the back wheels.

The driver told police that he was unaware of the boy.

Steamroller Driver Tried in Boy's Death

TEL AVIV.—Two classmates of an 11-year-old boy who was killed falling under a steamroller were the first prosecution witnesses in the trial of the steamroller driver, Yosef Plishon, 50, of Holon, in the Magistrates Court here on Wednesday.

Plishon is charged with having unintentionally caused the death of Dani Oren on May 28, 1957. He pleaded not guilty.

Ya'acov Rubinfeld and Binyamin Reitner, both 13, told how on the day of the tragedy, they and Dani were among five pupils who stopped to play football before going home from school. Noticing a steamroller working on the road, they decided to "see how it worked." The driver firmly refused to take the children on, but they continued pleading for the ride until he finally agreed on condition that "they hold on tight."

Four or five children then climbed on behind the driver. Dani had left his school bag at the side of the road and after a few turns, he said "this thing is going as slow as a turtle. I bet I can jump off and get my school bag." He jumped but got caught on an iron rod and fell under the wheel.

The driver did not see what had happened but stopped as the children began to scream. He then jumped off and stopped a passing motorcycle to take the injured child to hospital, where he died. (Itim)

B-G Says 'Popular Front' Provocative

With only the Communists voting in favour, the Knesset yesterday rejected a motion for the agenda by Miss Esther Vilenska (Communist), calling for a debate on "the attitude towards leaders of the 'Popular Front,' an Arab group.

Miss Vilenska charged that the movement and its leaders are being persecuted by the Government. The authorities had prevented some of its sponsors from leaving the Military Government area and have generally restricted their movements, thus frustrating the wish of part of the population to participate in an organization of their choosing.

The Prime Minister said in reply that, about a year ago, the Arab faction in the Communist Party, on instructions from abroad, and without the knowledge of the Jewish faction, had decided to identify itself openly with movements hostile to the State, and had sponsored an "Arab Front."

Opened to Non-Arabs

When the Haifa District Representative rejected the organization's request to be registered under the Association Law — on the basis of the prohibition of organizations founded on theories of nationality or race — the name of the organization was changed to the "Popular Front" and its ranks were opened to non-Arabs also.

Although the Front professed to advocate better relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel, its real aim was to provoke tension and open clashes between different groups.

Under existing regulations, a number of persons who had been invited to the founding meeting of the front in Acre, most of them Communists, were confined to the Military Government area. Some of them were deprived of their permanent travel permits and were given temporary permits instead.

Any of these persons who felt that they had been unlawfully deprived of their rights were entitled to apply to the High Court, Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

MEIR GOING FOR ROUTINE CHECK-UP

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, will enter Beilinson Hospital today (Thursday) for a routine check-up. She will remain in hospital for two or three days.

It is learned that the check-up is in connection with the gall bladder operation which Mrs. Meir underwent last May.

'PUTSCH'

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finished giving his version of the Altalena incident, saying "And you know how the matter ended." Mr. Ben-Eliezer jumped up from his seat.

"That matter hasn't ended yet," he shouted. "You'll stand trial for murder. You murdered. You murdered. As long as I have any strength left, I'll have you charged with murder."

'Ancient History'

When Mr. Ben-Gurion finished, Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut) was given the floor to propose the alternative motion that the subject be referred to a standing committee of the Knesset.

Mr. Begin said the Prime Minister's speech had been an "acrobatic" attempt to change the subject from the immediate question of the reported coup d'etat to ancient history. Herut had no objection to discussing the past, but on several occasions Mr. Ben-Gurion had written notes both to himself (Mr. Begin) and to Mr. Ben-Eliezer not to bring up these old incidents in the Knesset.

Mr. Ben-Gurion: "Do you have one of the notes?"

Mr. Begin: "Aryeh (Ben-Eliezer) do you have a note?"

The Prime Minister had exploited the Knesset rostrum to carry on a monologue in which he had deliberately distorted the facts, Mr. Begin charged. Herut would therefore propose a non-confidence motion next week in order to be able to give its side of the story.

Mr. Ben-Eliezer's motion was defeated by a vote of 46-15, with 20 abstentions. All Coalition parties voted against it: Herut and Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionist), voted for it; and the rest of the General Zionists, all the religious parties and the Communists abstained.

Mr. Begin's motion was defeated by a vote of 46-27, with 10 abstentions. It was supported by Herut, the General Zionists, and most of the National Religious Party. It was opposed by the Coalition. The abstainers were the Communists, Poalei Aguda, and Mr. Moshe Keimer (National Religious).

Dr. Sneh's motion was supported only by the Communists.

BANK RATE. — The National Bank of Belgium on Wednesday cut the bank rate from three-and-one-half to three-and-one-quarter per cent.

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CAIRO PARLEYS

ITALIAN Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani's current official visit to Cairo has been described as coming within the scope of Western efforts to improve relations with Egypt. These efforts seem to be receiving adequate expression in the fact that, besides Professor Fanfani, two Western personalities are in Cairo trying to do approximately the same thing. Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, in addition to his attempts to implement the provisions of the Arab Resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in its extraordinary session last August, will no doubt try to tackle the question of Israel's relations with the U.A.R. following last month's Security Council's decision to entrust him with the task of studying the latest incidents on Israel's northern borders.

Another distinguished visitor from the West currently in Cairo is Mr. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank, whose efforts at mediation between Britain and Egypt over their economic differences are reported to be progressing satisfactorily, while M. Jean Robert, head of the French economic mission in Egypt, is due in the U.A.R. capital soon to sign a £2m. trade pact between Paris and Cairo.

It is to be hoped that these Western efforts will bear fruit, although such results should not be sought at the expense of Western material interests or moral standing. Professor Fanfani's mission seems much more concerned with Italy's own position in Egypt than with efforts with Cairo on the political level. His legitimate desire to promote Italian commercial and cultural interests in Egypt on a mutual basis is laudable, while his reported offer of Italian know-how and expertise is quite likely to meet with acceptance in Cairo, since Italy has been one of the few European Powers whose names were not associated with any of those Western actions that Nasser has succeeded in so thoroughly discrediting in the eyes of Egyptians in the past few years.

For Israel, there is nothing to cause disturbance in an improvement of relations between Rome and Cairo. Israel's own relations with Italy have long been cordial, and Professor Fanfani's decision last week to cancel his projected visit to Jerusalem after his Cairo stay caused no great surprise under the circumstances. Nevertheless the Italian Premier has promised to visit Israel at some later date.

As to other Western efforts at mediation and reconciliation, this country would wish, first of all, assurance that President Nasser is not appeased at Israel's expense, nor his threats to Afro-Asian countries reinforced. Israel has never agreed with that school of thought in the West which held that friendship with this country excludes the possibility of friendship with the Arabs—or vice versa. There is every reason to believe that a clearly drawn out modus vivendi between the West and Nasser, unhurriedly arrived at and made at the expense of no one — and taking Israel's position fully into consideration — can prove to be an excellent thing for all concerned.

However, Western diplomacy will have to tread carefully in the present state of affairs in the area. The danger of a Communist take-over in Iraq, which is becoming more visible now, should not cause the West to embrace Nasser and give him unconditional support. For one thing, Western quarters know from recent experiences what they can expect from the Egyptian ruler. For another, to help Nasser against the present regime in Baghdad offers no solution of the Iraqi dilemma; it may indeed accelerate rather than check the sinister process by which the Communists are infiltrating the Government and the Army by pretending to be Kassem's sole defenders against Nasserist designs on Iraq.

Teamsters Bid To Organize N.Y. Cops

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — THE Teamsters' Union wants to organize the police of New York. It is the most corrupt and most feared, and the most powerful union in America. Its President, James Hoffa, is generally described as a man who should be in prison. His action has been ascribed to bravado, megalomania and revenge, and it seemed the anti-social behaviour expected of him.

It was not a political action. American trade unionism cannot be explained in other than American terms. It is preoccupied with bread-and-butter issues. It is usually composed of a loose federation of locals with a hard-core of professionals at the top who are sheltered from rank-and-file influence. It is not class-conscious. It has almost no political or social philosophy to protect it against corruption, and its deals and ambitions are those of business.

The leaders of the union are paid salaries that leave them the economic equals of the men with whom they negotiate.

Their finances are purely capitalist. The Teamsters (properly the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America) are the most uninhibited of these unions.

With the Mob

Senators who have in committee investigated organized crime and the working of unions believe that they have a tie-in with "the mob." These are the efficient and outwardly respectable leaders of organized crime who occasionally emerge as the blue-chinned men in hats. They deal in extortion, protection, politics and some organized vice. When prohibition came some moved into unionism, into the restaurants of Chicago, into garbage collection in New York, into the docks and into the Teamsters.

The connection was made almost always against the wishes of the top unionists. But the connection with the Teamsters has defied the attempts of men like George Meany and Walter Reuther to reform and elevate the whole movement.

The Teamsters have maintained a tradition of violence. It is not hard to understand why. Many of their disputes were with small, tough employers who themselves used force. In Tennessee the Union still actively employs strong-arm men. There is a considerable number of men convicted of violence in minor executive functions. Yet the complaints of the rank and file, if they exist, are almost inaudible.

Because of its crushing power to cut all supplies, virtually without strikes the union has won high wages and good conditions. Attack from outside seems only to stimulate solidarity.

Hoffa was elected President at the Miami convention in September, 1957. He had to succeed Dave Beck, who resigned after he had been crucified before the public by a Senate committee, and after the union had been expelled from the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organizations. Beck is now in gaol.

Hoffa is a tough, lowering little man from Detroit. He eats meat prodigiously, does not drink, and gives a damn for no one. He refuses to write letters or use banks. Under the law unions do not have to account to any outside authority for their use of monies.

A Bill promoted by Senators Kennedy and Ives in the last session, which would compel unions to make annual reports under oath and give the Secretary of Labour the power of subpoena, was defeated in the House. Men like Hoffa are usually attacked with fringe charges—wire-tapping or income tax evasion.

The Teamsters' Union is still growing, with a capital of $40m. and a membership of 1,500,000. It has never shown any ambition above appointing a mayor here or a police captain there. Its theoretical power to bring the U.S. to a grinding halt could always be thwarted by the President, and it is now probably enjoying its last months of full licence.

When Hoffa was elected, 13 Teamsters protested to court that the election was fixed. Until January last year, Hoffa was in danger of deposition, but his lawyer agreed with Federal Judge Letts to accept three monitors who would supervise and cleanse the Union. It was accepted by Hoffa as a means of removing the immediate threat. He ruled on sufferance, and the monitors effectively forbade a new convention that would have re-elected him.

Grandiose Plans

Then, recently, Hoffa held a board meeting in Miami. He issued a series of grandiose plans, to take over some breweries and all Government workers, and to organize the Caribbean. He also restated an old ambition, to organize the New York police, who are not permitted to join a trade union.

At present he is preparing to appeal against the Judge Letts order to which he gave his consent. If the appeal fails then the monitors have made it plain that they will forbid this new police gambit and get on with the business of cleansing.

The reaction of New York Government, police and public, has been violently hostile. The Kennedy-Ives Bill was defeated by a coalition of employers who objected to the fact that the Bill applies to them too, of Republicans who wanted the corrupt labour issue kept open for elections, and of Democrats who wanted to stop Kennedy in his race towards the Presidency. Hoffa's bid has made the future passage of such a Bill all but certain.

SHOOTING AT THE MOON

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YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Return to Ma'bara Mooted

Herut is of the opinion that Dov Joseph's report to the Jewish Agency indicates a failure which is not only financial but may have dire psychological consequences, and there is no reason to suppose that this year will be better.

Hatsofe (National Religious) comments that it might not be so bad to have to revert to the ma'bara system, as Dr. Joseph warned, if immigrant groups were permitted to remain together, retain their religious beliefs and practices and continue their own way of life instead of having another imposed on them by the arbitrary will of the "Who Is A Jew" Government.

Noting that a group of Kadoorie Agricultural School freshmen absented themselves for a full day out of fear of bullying by the sophomores, Ha'aretz (non-party) observes that some amount of horseplay can be expected and even condoned among secondary school students but it must no go beyond the limits of healthy fun.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) warns against the belief, now gaining currency, that if the Arab refugees are given the choice of going back to Israel they will prefer resettlement abroad. The well-meaning people who accept this theory have not thought out its implications for Israel.

Haboker (General Zionist) writes that although a great deal of fanfare attended Mr. Eshkol's budget statement, it was not, as a budget speech should be, a clear and consistent statement of government policy.

At the Cinema

Sir Alec Superb

"Last Holiday" (Tel Or, Jerusalem, playing again next week) is a gentle spoof of British class morality. The story is not very original and is rather slow paced: a lonely bachelor tractor salesman (Sir Alec Guinness) is told by his clinic doctor (the clinic is enough to put anyone off a National Health Scheme) that he is to die, albeit peacefully, within a few weeks. He withdraws his savings and insurance and takes himself off to a ghastly "better class" seaside hotel for a last fling, where in second-hand Savile Row clothes his largesse and "the hell with everything" manner make a new man of him, as reflected in the eyes of his fellow guests. Guinness, as expected, turns in a superb performance and is well supported by some of the funniest faces on the British screen. As types, they are admittedly caricatures, but the film has a few points to drive home, as well as being grand Guinness.

MEIR RONNEN

Actor Alec Guinness seen after the news that he had been awarded a knighthood in the New Year Honours List.

Express Photo

Crops Provide Year-Round Jobs

By PHILIP GILLON

WHILE farmers throughout the country were peering miserably into the skies, certain planters near Gilat are looking with indifference at the drought, which they endure with rare fortitude. These are the men growing sisal, Israel's latest and in many ways her most interesting and suitable crop.

Sisal comes from the agave, a cactus-like plant which thrives in near-desert conditions. Storing water in its cell structure, it requires only two inches (50 mm.) of rain a year. To help the plant endure its dry life, apparently, Nature equips it with strong fibres inside its leaves. These are extracted to make twine and cables of all kinds.

The traditional home of the agave is Mexico, whence it was taken only during this century to Central and South America, as well as to Kenya. Countries growing it are reluctant to export seedlings, and the knowledge of how to cultivate them, because they do not want to create their own competition. This canny refusal to part with the goods applies especially to a particular variety which has only apical thorns — most varieties have many more to torment the fingers of handlers. Furthermore the leaves of this variety give additional yields of fibres.

Suited to Negev

Even before 1948, the Jewish National Fund experimented with agave. By 1949 it was clear that the plant responded favourably to the loess soil of the Negev and efforts were made to obtain seedlings for more extensive experiments. Eventually, through friends in Kenya, 40,000 seedlings were imported from East Africa, coming to Israel on the first ship ever to land at Eilat. They were taken to the experimental station at Gilat and in due course proved a great success.

Agave plantation near Gilat in Northern Negev

By 1952 it was decided that it was worthwhile to cultivate agave on a large scale — and once again the problem of obtaining seedlings arose. Mr. Joseph Weitz, of the Keren Kayemet, went to Mexico, and there, through Zionist friends, obtained two million seedlings. Returning in triumph to Israel he put 6,000 dunams of the Negev under agave.

Four years later the plants had reached the fibre-yielding stage, and the problem of finding capital to finance a factory arose. Once again Mr. Weitz went on his Mexican travels; as a result the Israel Fibre Company (Ifco) was established, 20 per cent of the capital being provided by the Jewish National Fund and 80 per cent by Mexican investors, Messrs. Marcus, Mass and Reichsaum.

The first action of the Mexican investors was to send a sisal engineer, Sr. Nemecio Castro, to set up the factory. Sr. Castro knew no Hebrew whatsoever — and still does not, although he has been here a year — but he knows a great deal about agave. In his time he has established factories all over Mexico, Guatemala, Dominico and Cuba. He is assisted by a Mexican Jew, Ya'akov Gilboa, who has been here over three years and serves as assistant engineer and interpreter, although most of the workers have picked up Spanish.

14 Year Life-Span

In the fields at Gilat 200 men are engaged in the growing and harvesting of the plants. "Harvesting" simply means cutting down the leaves when they drop to an angle of 45 degrees. They generally reach this stage in their fourth or fifth years; after ten years a long flower grows from the centre of the plant and the plants die after 14 years. The beauty of the agave from Israel's point of view (apart from its rugged independence of rain) is that it is not seasonal, thus ensuring steady year-round employment for the immigrant town of Ofakim.

After the leaves are cut they are brought by tractor in bundles to the factory and fed into mincing machines by red-gloved handlers, who have a healthy respect for those thorns. The machines extract a wet white fibre, leaving a green pulp behind. The fibres are sun-dried and then baled to provide twine, cables and other cordage. Forty men work in the factory. Israel imports 3,000 tons of sisal fibres annually; when production gets going, we can become independent of import and add a new export to the list.

Sr. Castro considers the Israel product excellent, of very fine quality and texture and high tensile strength, although not as strong as the strongest on the market. The Mexican sponsors are so delighted that they propose to add a further 20,000 dunams of agave during the next four or five years and hope that Ifco will invest IL4m. They calculate that sisal should give employment to 50,000 men.

Even the pulp is said to have its uses, both as a cattle feed and for the extraction of edible liquids and medicines. Mexican peasants use the agave sap to make their national beverage, pulque, described in the encyclopaedia as an ill-smelling liquor causing physical and mental degradation (see Riviera's paintings). Israelis, the most temperate of people, will no doubt concentrate on medicinal purposes only.

KEEPING POSTED

WHEN our film censorship board decided to ban "Dracula," as being intended only to strike fear and horror in the hearts of the audience, without any mitigating merits, they were probably not aware of an incident that occurred in London last year. At that time a distinguished Soviet writer was visiting London as a guest of

the British Council, after many delays that may easily have been connected with his reputation for having taken at last a benevolent interest in Western affairs. To make sure that he should see not only what was on the Council's programme, but Western culture in all its naked hideousness, the Soviet Embassy also took him to see "Dracula."

He simply loved it. Imaginary horrors, after all, have their compensations.

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ALSO from London comes a query that was originally addressed to the Israel Embassy there, and we cannot quite decide whether theologians or chicken farmers would be best qualified to answer it. Could anybody in the Holy Land, runs the question, tell accurately the times of a) the first cockcrow "whilst it is still dark, i.e. before the crack of dawn," b) the second cockcrow, at the crack of dawn, and c) state whether there is a third cockcrow at all? On the face of it, this seems the question of a student of the New Testament, concerned with the story of Jesus and Judas Iscariot, but the letter continues: "Times will vary of course... but if you could provide a monthly timetable... taking one or two days per month, and particularly at the Bible Festivals..." Perhaps somebody with chickens can help out, or somebody whose neighbours keep chickens, these always being the noisiest? We harbour a mild suspicion ourselves, which we hardly like to mention, that the whole thing is a piece of up-to-date operational research for a company supplying burglars' requirements.

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WE had occasion to visit one of the "Italian" restaurants in Tel Aviv some days ago. The pizza and espresso coffee were served by a stout, middle-aged gentleman with an enormous, rather swarthy, heavy-jowled face, who might well have been a Neapolitan. The coffee was 250 pruta and the pizza, 350, and when we produced a pound note a little girl of about nine with a nice grin popped up behind the counter to get our change. When she put down 600 pruta for us we had a feeling something was wrong and waited for the girl's father to straighten it out. Then we settled down to the pizza with an English-language magazine. Presently the owner asked us whether we were perhaps from Germany? "No," we said, rather irritated, and why did he ask? He said he wanted a girl from Germany — "what they call a Yecke" to work at the counter. "They are serious people, you know," he explained, "and very reliable." If we had been from Germany, he thought, we might have known some girl who was looking for a good job. We said there were not so many Yeckes about nowadays, looking for work. Why didn't he try a Hungarian, they were capable too, and of more cheerful temperament on the whole? There were so many newcomers now from Hungary. He'd got a Hungarian girl now, he countered, but he wanted a Yecke. We didn't like all this tribal discrimination, and asked him where he came from himself. "I'm just about a sabra," he said. But where had his family come from? From Persia. And what was wrong, for instance, with a girl from Persia? He smiled fondly over the head of his little daughter, pointing a finger, and said: "They never learn to figure change correctly. I need a Yecke."

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WHILE we were still sitting there a young man came in to fetch a girl who had been waiting for him. We noticed he had left a small car standing just opposite, with the bonnet propped up. "Hurry up," he said to the girl. "I'm parked in the wrong place. If you leave the bonnet up the traffic police usually think you're stuck and don't write out a ticket straight away, but if you take too long I'll have one wanting to help me get the car fixed up."

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A CORRESPONDENT writes from New York that her 11-year-old Israeli-born daughter does not much like the place. She is homesick and wishes her father would wind up his job and come back. School turned out

to be no problem, but she was plagued by her conscience at the little ceremony that takes place in all American schools every morning, when the children rise to say "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands" etc. (Her English still being unequal to long words, she had also thought they were saying "I pledge a legion to...") She finally solved this problem for herself by quietly substituting "the flag of Israel" and is now quite happy to be reminded of home this way every morning.

Today's contributors include M.M., Jerusalem, and E. Dunner, New York.

Readers' Letters

LIBERALIZATION OF CAR IMPORTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of December 11 you reported "Snag Halts Plan to Sell Dollars to Travellers." Apparently the Treasury had failed to consider all the aspects of another new administrative regulation. As the matter stood, the Treasury would have had to meet raised dollar-linked securities, a bill running into millions of pounds. One can only marvel that a mature Civil Service should have failed to see this most obvious of "traps," before making such startling announcements.

I wonder therefore whether the Treasury has considered all the relevant aspects of the so-called liberalization of the import of cars.

1) Is the Treasury aware of the world repercussions of stating that under certain circumstances a single U.S. dollar can really buy IL16? This alone can have a disastrous effect on an already devalued currency.

2) By "liberalizing" imports and taking IL4.5 per kilo for two-year-old cars, our country will become a junk-yard of discarded cars (cars three and four years' old can be had for a few dollars in the U.S.). Should this happen, precious foreign currency will be spent on spare parts.

3) A car costing $1,500 in the U.S. will cost IL17,000 in Israel. A car which costs £550 in England will cost IL14,000 here. Does the Treasury really believe that they can maintain such an "Iron Curtain" around Israel?

4) The large companies (cooperative and private), will still import new cars. The additional revenue accruing to the Treasury will be lost again through deductions in income tax by the companies. The professional people in the country who just about managed to scrape enough together to buy a car will now buy from the imported junk-yard cars which they cannot afford.

5) The obvious answer — that the local car industry will provide cars for the professional classes — is only true to a very limited degree. Experience has shown that an industry working under monopolistic conditions can never really satisfy the customer, in price or in quality, quite apart from the fact that the small 10 h.p. car is only suitable in the Coastal Plain.

6) During the last few years, several thousand immigrants or would-be immigrants have arrived here from the Western countries. Most of them belonged to the professional classes, people with certain skills and abilities. Many of these brought with them cars for which they had to pay what they considered exhorbitant customs duties. Under the new regulations it will be impossible for them to bring any cars at all. Immigration to Israel has always been a very expensive affair for these people despite all the help available; this additional tax may well make it impossible for them to come here at all. The country will lose a small but very valuable element.

7) Soon after 1948 we had a period of "imports without payments" with its resultant disastrous effect on the value of our currency. The Treasury did not foresee then that they would open the door to an uncontrollable black market. Side by side with this we had a rigid scheme of rationing. Any kind of decontrol of goods was always achieved at the expense of a fantastic rise in prices. In spite of all this, ready money eventually came level, only to be worth far less, and we were back where we started.

Yours, etc.
B.L.
(Name and Address Supplied)

Herzliya, December 12.

CLOTH DESIGNER

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In an interview on Kol Yisrael on December 17, Mrs. Winer said that the biggest hit in a fashion show presented by the famous Paris couturier, Lavin-Costello, was a material with a design of Hebrew lettering in gold on yellow.

Mrs. Winer stated, however, that the designer of this cloth was a Mrs. Noami Levin. I wish to point out that I am the designer of this material and as this great success is obviously of professional importance for me, I would appreciate having this mistake rectified.

Yours, etc.
ERICA KLUGER

Haifa, December 27.

Dictator at 72?

By EPHRAIM KISHON

Scene: The Prime Minister's office on the eve of the elections.

Handful of men: 'Morning, B-G. Are we disturbing you?

B-G: Be seated.

Handful: Thanks. We have come on a delicate matter.

B-G: Oh?

Handful: How about seizing power?

B-G: All right.

Handful: We've thought of everything. The Givatayim branch invades Police Headquarters, the Tel Aviv Hapoel players capture GHQ. We grab Kol Yisrael, the Haifa Workers' Council takes possession of the Ata works, and the ushers of the Mila Club arrest Haim Shurer.

B-G: OK.

Handful: So may we start?

B-G: Why not?

Handful: Thanks. See you after the coup. Shalom ...

B-G: Just a sec. And what afterwards?

Handful: What a question! You'd concentrate all authority in your hands, have the last word in everything that matters, intervene personally in domestic quarrels.

B-G: Splendid.

Handful: You may set up a strong Cabinet with the participation of the other parties, but this time Mapai will have the decisive majority!

B-G: Fantastic!

Handful: You may have the portfolios of Premier and Defence Minister.

B-G: At last!

Handful: You'll be the Leader of the Nation.

B-G: You don't say!

Handful: So do we move?

B-G: You know what? I don't feel like it.

Handful: Why?

B-G: I adore power, but Paula has forbidden all excitement. It was a beautiful dream while it lasted, but now we'd better forget it.

Handful: Just think of it: you could replace Hershele Ostropoler with Spinoza on the school curriculum!

B-G: I won't bring that about by force.

Handful: As you wish. Then we'll go to Moshe Sharett.

(Moshe Sharett is in Burma. The country is saved by a miracle.)

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5. Beit Ruth, Kiryat Moshe.

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The fee for each set of documents is IL5 and will not be refunded.

Bids should be made in accordance with the general conditions, specifications and terms of contract, and should be submitted in sealed envelopes to the Tenders Committee, office of the Town Clerk, 34 Jaffa Road, on January 22, 1959, between 11-12 noon.

Prior to the submission of bids, a cash sum of IL750 for any one of the above bids must be deposited with the Municipal Treasurer, either in the form of a certified cheque or bank guarantee, for a period of two months.

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G. AGRON
Mayor

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